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SUBJECT: UNSC DEBATE ON NAMIBIA

1. QUAI UN AFFAIRS OFFICER AUCHERE CALLED EMBOFF LATE AUGUST 23 TO SAY THAT QUAI HAD JUST SENT INSTRUCTIONS TO FRENCH UN MISSION TO DISCUSS WITH U.S. AND UK MISSIONS A NUMBER OF IDEAS ON HOW TO AVOID CHAPTER VII LANGUAGE IN RESOLUTION ON NAMIBIA WHICH AFRICANS ARE EXPECTED TO INTRODUCE IN UPCOMING UNSC DEBATE. IN ESSENCE, FRENCH THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR FRANCE, UK AND U.S. TO TAKE A CERTAIN NUMBER OF UNILATERAL ACTIONS TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE AFRICANS THAT THEY ARE CONTINUING TO APPLY PRESSURE TO ACCELERATE PROGRESS ON THE PROBLEM. AUCHERE MENTIONED ENDING CONSULAR REPRESENTATION IN NAMIBIA (THE FRENCH WOULD ANNOUNCE THAT THEIR CONSULATE IN CAPE TOWN NO LONGER HAS JURISDICTION OVER NAMIBIA) AND ECONOMIC MEASURES SUCH AS FORBIDDING ALL NEW INVESTMENT IN NAMIBIA AND REDUCING ALREADY EXISTING INVESTMENT THERE. HE INDICATED THAT DETAILS OF FRENCH THINKING WOULD BE OUTLINED IN NEW YORK, BUT THAT THE QUAI WAS INFORMING THE EMBASSY

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IN ORDER TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE IT ATTACHES TO

THE MATTER.

2. COMMENT: IN THE WAKE OF THE NONALIGNED CALL FOR
AN OIL EMBARGO AGAINST FRANCE, QUAI EFFORTS TO PRESENT
FRANCE'S SOUTHERN AFRICAN POLICY IN A BETTER LIGHT
HAVE GAINED ADDED URGENCY. THE SUBSTANCE OF THAT
POLICY, TOO, WILL BE INCREASINGLY BENT IN DIRECTIONS
MORE ACCEPTABLE TO AFRICA AND THE THIRD WORLD.
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